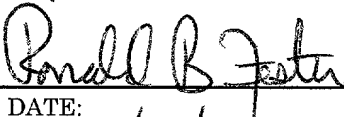


**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT****DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor. I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled as set forth below, which is described in the attached specification; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a);

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TITLE OF INVENTION. <b>PLANAR SUBSTRATE-BASED FUEL CELL MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITRY</b>		
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